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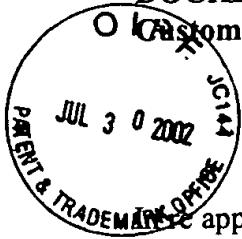
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Application of: : CONAL WALSH

Serial No. : 09/448,508

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For : APPLICATION OF SPEED READING TECHNIQUES IN
TEXT-TO-SPEECH GENERATION

Group No. : 2654

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of May 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows, substituting any amended claim(s) for the corresponding pending claim(s):